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	The Russians have issued a general order the eastern Gernany (Silesia) to the West as well (Frankfurt/Oder to Küstrin, etc.), and in part of the Baltic ports of Wismar, Rostock, and in order to make them carable of taking make	articular all roads to the West

- taking vehicles with hard tires and tracks. All bridges on these roads must be Class 1A bridges, i.e. have a load capacity of 16 tons.
- 2. Material shortages are holding up bridge repair work. In one area 56 tons of rivets are needed for maintaining bridges and only half a ton is at present available. The situation is further aggravated by the fact that no light girders are available. The factory at Untervellenborn, which is responsible for supplying the girders, calculates its norm in tons and not in pieces. In order to achieve its norm the factory produces only heavy girders.
- 3. As a result of recent inquiries from the traffic demarkment in Offenbach about the load capacity of Autobahn bridge over the Elbe near Magdeburg, a corrission was sent to inquire into the ratter. The opinion of the commission was that the load capacity of the bridge was not more than four tons. The cormission, however, was forced by the Russians to sign a statement to the effect that a load capacity of 16 tons had been proved; the Russians explained that if the bridge were closed for repairs now, it would be interpreted as Russian machinetions to reimpose the blockade on Serlin.
- The temporary road bridge at Frankfurt/Oder is a two-way bridge of the so-called "".R. Gerat" type. ""J.P. Gerat" refers to a standard type of German military bridge.
- 5. The newly-constructed road bridge across the Oder at Mistrin is still without an urper surface and the concrete base, with a temporary gravel covering, is being used. Under the general order referred to in paragraph one above, this bridge is to be provided with a permanent concrete upper surface.

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